

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Let us bring our hopes and prayers before the Lord our God, in whom we have found our peace.

- For our Church: May we live the Gospel as well as we preach it, we pray;
▶ **Christ hear our prayer.**
- That world leaders and those in exalted positions fulfill their responsibilities with humility on behalf of those whose lives have been entrusted to them, we pray;
▶ **Christ hear our prayer.**
- For the wisdom and will to work toward putting an end to gun violence in our community and in our nation, we pray;
▶ **Christ hear our prayer.**
- For those whose faith has been shaken by the failings of their leaders: May they be restored to faith and find forgiveness in their hearts, we pray;
▶ **Christ hear our prayer.**
- For all those contemplating their vocation, for those who have chosen their vocation, for those who have been living out their vocation for years, for the grace of wisdom and perseverance, we pray;
▶ **Christ hear our prayer.**
- For our deceased, especially those who have passed away in the last year, that they will know the everlasting light of heaven, we pray;
▶ **Christ hear our prayer.**
- For the intentions of our baskets, Alois Iwanski, the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes, the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the continued success of our Renovation projects, we pray;
▶ **Christ hear our prayer.**

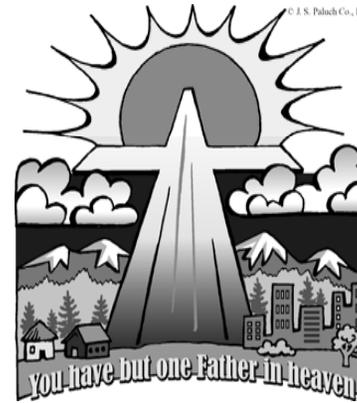
(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)

Presider: O God, in you we have the one Father who have created us all. Look down with love on your creation and hear these our prayers, which we offer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN!

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 4-5, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS:

†Alois Iwanski

The Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes

PENITENTIAL RITE:

The word of God calls us into faithfulness to the covenant established through our baptism into Christ. We often stray from this faithfulness, yet God's mercy always draws us into God's everlasting love. With humility of heart we call to mind God's mercy.

Lord Jesus, you alone are the Master we serve:

Lord have mercy; **.....Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you alone have the words of life:

Christ have mercy; **.....Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you alone lead us to eternal life:

Lord have mercy; **.....Lord, have mercy.**

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

A great King am I, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you; If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#21, Gather - Psalm 25
To You, O Lord

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, “The Scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation ‘Rabbi.’ As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.